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WHEN Israel's first Ambassador to Cyprus presented his credentials to Archbishop Makarios on Friday, CYPRIOTERS showed an example of friendship and cooperation between the two neighboring countries entered a new phase. The basis of this friendship was laid in the 1946-48 period, when thousands of Jewish "illegal" immigrants were detained in British camps on the island. The Israeli people will always remember the sympathy expressed by the Cypriots and the assistance they offered.

Later, the Israeli public followed with deep understanding and sympathy the Cypriots' struggle for independence and welcomed the agreements which created the Republic of Cyprus and made peaceful co-existence between the Greek and Turkish communities possible. Israel is gratified that its hopes for friendly relations and close economic, technical, and cultural ties are now being fulfilled.

As was expected, outside Cyprus, particularly from Cairo, attempts to prevent this development. Thinly masked threats of reprisals against the thousands of Cypriots living in Arab countries, coupled with vague promises, have been used in an attempt to prevent the establishment of normal diplomatic relations with Israel. But both Archbishop Makarios, the President of the Republic, and the Vice-President, Dr. Fadil Kutchuk, faithful to the actual principle of their foreign policy — friendship with all countries and with neighboring nations — have stubbornly refused to yield. The sole concession they were prepared to make to Cairo was to grant the Ambassador of the United Arab Republic chronological precedence in presenting his credentials. The Government of the U.A.R. took advantage of this concession to delay for more than five months their Ambassador's appearance. But both Israel's Ambassador, Mr. Zeev Levin, and the Israeli Foreign Ministry, in spite of the provocation of such tactics, displayed exemplary patience and restraint. In the end, Cairo could not delay the inevitable any more, and Israel's Ambassador presented his credentials a few days after Ambassador Lotfi of the United Arab Republic.

This feat of statesmanship, which reflects credit on Archbishop Makarios and Vice-President Kutchuk, should be pondered by all those who in more or less similar circumstances are being confronted with Cairo's blackmail. The development of Israel's relations with Cyprus once again shows that when faced with a determined attitude, Colonel Nasser must back down. Some of our African friends, whose countries are equally vulnerable to pressure from the Republic of Cyprus, would certainly have seen Cairo retreat had they opposed its pressure and displayed the same independence as the Cypriot leaders.

In the wake of this amicable step in establishing diplomatic relations, Israel and Cyprus will be able to concentrate on fostering the already close cooperation existing between them. Commercial relations, tourism, exchange of experts and students can and will be intensified on a pattern which may serve as a model for relations between all Middle Eastern countries.

The Weatherman Says: It Will Be Warm!

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Mapai Body May Act without Probe

Jerusalem Post Bureau
TEL AVIV. — The Mapai Secretariat may abandon its "probe committee" project when it meets in extraordinary session in Jerusalem tomorrow to discuss Mr. Pinhas Lavon's letter to its members which was published in the press on Friday.

The committee, appointed on Thursday night, is now regarded as still-born following the refusal of Police Minister Behor Shitrit to serve, on the grounds that his position on the "Affair" is well known and that "neutral" persons should have been appointed.

Foreign Minister Golda Meir is also not too willing to serve, as she is suffering an attack of bronchitis. She is also pleading the press of duty at the Ministry. The other members of the committee — Deputy Education Minister Ami Asaf, Deputy Knesset Speaker Beba Idelson and the Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Meir Argov — are understood to have agreed to serve.

Under the circumstances, it is believed that the Secretariat will now decide to handle the matter by itself, and it is considered most likely that in that case a decisive vote will be taken on a resolution which will then be submitted to the Mapai Central Committee for approval later in the week.

Meanwhile, Mr. Lavon has once again criticized the Secretariat. He was reacting publicly to the Secretariat's statement late Thursday night which repudiated his earlier letter — published in the Secretariat's own paper — to the effect that the Party's right to set up a "probe committee." The Secretariat denounced Mr. Lavon for defying the central committee's ban on further public discussion of the "Affair."

Mr. Lavon declared that he does "not regard the publication of my letter to the Secretariat as a defiance of the central committee's ban. My letter did not contain a challenge to the conduct of the Secretariat."

It is believed that Messrs. Eshkol and Aizman will read Mr. Lavon's letter to the Secretariat on Friday.

Mapai circles last night pointed out that the central committee's decision to forbid public discussion or the publication of statements on any subject was connected with the "Affair."

Release of Mr. Lavon's letter was described by the Mapai spokesmen as a breach of party discipline in that it breaks the silence on the "Affair" which all members of the party had been instructed to maintain.

The Secretariat is also to deal — but possibly not tomorrow — with the request of some members to authorize a counter-attack to the "campaign of slanders" which they claim is being waged against Mapai from various quarters. Mapai, and more especially the Prime Minister, are for example accused of preparing an assault on democracy. The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Moshe Dayan, and the Deputy Minister of Defense, Mr. Shimon Peres, said on Friday that the "Star Hayarok" decision to keep silent on the "Affair" puts the party at a disadvantage. The party, they claim, must react to slanders.

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This discussion on the "Affair" preceded the main business at Friday's meeting. This was how to halt the wave of mounting costs. Commenting on complaints that the higher taxes and duties made during the current Knesset budget debate, Mr. Akiva Govrin, the Mapai whip, said he felt he must answer complaints that the higher taxes and duties made during the current Knesset budget debate.

Mapai circles said last night that Mr. Lavon's statement to the New York Times was another violation of the Secretariat's decision to impose silence on party members regarding the "Affair."

Even Colder, But Drier, Today

Jerusalem Post Staff

Heavy rain, strong winds, hail and snow marked the coldest and wettest weekend of this season. The rains also brought an end to the danger of drought in the central and northern parts of the country.

The forecast for today is "partial clearing, possible scattered rain and a further drop in temperatures." (For specific temperature forecasts, see column one, page three.)

A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said Friday that the recent rainfalls may contribute to a partial recovery of drought-stricken fields in the northern Negev.

The underground water tables also stand in better shape, the spokesman said. He noted that the rains have brought excellent prospects for Negev pasture, a fact of particular importance to the Beduin tribes.

In Haifa Bay, a strong northwest wind with a velocity of over 30 knots caused some difficulties to shipping on Friday. Two ships postponed their sailing and others sailed into the port from the bay to seek the shelter of the breakwater.

Lumumbists Free Belgians For Ransom, Nab Others

LEOPOLDVILLE. — Premier Lumumba's followers in Stanleyville released 12 Belgians on Saturday on payment of a 500,000-franc (\$10,000) ransom and then promptly arrested at least a dozen more whites.

U.N. sources said three of the Europeans released had been kidnapped by Congolese troops. The sources said none of the three women among the 12 were mistreated.

The money was paid by the Belgian community of 1,000 or more Belgians still sticking it out in Oriental Province despite a new reign of terror that started when Mr. Lumumba was flown from Thysville to a prison near Elisabethville and beaten in the process.

Mail has asked the U.N. Security Council to debate the treatment of Mr. Lumumba.

Nasser Turns To Africa

POST Diplomatic Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The quiet now prevailing along Israel's borders is attributed in diplomatic circles here to the fact that Nasser is devoting his attention to Africa. The danger of a new Egyptian offensive, which has, however, not diminished.

The U.A.R. is still being supplied with modern arms by the Soviet Union, including MIG-19 planes, it is pointed out, and the Egyptians have built military installations and communications in Sinai adequate for large forces.

The U.A.R. now constitutes the most extreme element in the Congo, cooperating fully with supplying arms, to and even running the affairs of Antoine Gizenga, who was Patrice Lumumba's deputy.

It is felt here also that the U.A.R. has been moving from the Indian-Yugoslavian type of "positive neutralism" towards closer alignment with the USSR. It has openly sided with the Soviet Union in the African issue. Both the U.A.R. and USSR are currently putting pressure on the Sudan, which has been playing the "neutralist" game.

The furor stirred up in some countries over Israel's Navy reactor came as a shock to the Arab States. But they backed-pedaled quickly and refused to declare that Israel was incapable of producing an atom bomb. The earlier known fact that the U.A.R. was building a 120 megawatt reactor (Israel's 24 megawatt) received far less attention. The Egyptian reactor is a German project.

Even liberal Jews, however, Mannoni adds are convinced there is no future for them in an "Algerian Algeria" which they believe will suffer from an intolerant "Moslem Algeria." It is widely rumored that one of the first acts of the new administration will be to abrogate the Cremieux Decree which, 80 years ago, proclaimed all Algerian Jews to be French citizens. Algerian Jews stripped of French nationality would be as helpless and as vulnerable to persecution as are their brethren in Morocco.

ZOHAR AND TOVBIN, HAIFA JUDGES, DIE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Within three hours last night, the Haifa District Court and the Israeli community were bereft of two of their distinguished members.

Just three hours after Judge Dov Tovbin died suddenly of a heart attack. Reeling, President Ben-Zur Zohar passed away at Ramat Hospital after a long heart ailment.

Both will be buried at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Khayat Beach cemetery. From 1 o'clock, their bodies will lie in state at the District Court building.

Zohar (formerly Rosenzweig) was born in Petah Tikva in 1905. He had been Relieving President of the court since 1948. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Jailed for Zionism

Tovbin, who was 56, came to this country from his native Russia in 1924 after serving two years in jail for having participated in a Young Zionist conference. He was a District Court judge from 1930 and before 1948, a member of the Hagana Tribunal. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Zohar, who had been a magistrate in pre-State days, sat on the Haifa District Court bench which, in 1948, heard the State of Israel's first murder case. Before his appointment to the Bench he had practiced law with the firm of S. H. Rowitz and Company in Jerusalem.

K Asks for Talks with Kennedy After President's Inauguration

Chief Executive at Desk Has 2-Hour Talk with US Envoy

WASHINGTON. — President John Kennedy, who celebrated his inauguration until 3.30 a.m. yesterday, began his first day in the White House by arriving at his office more or less on time and getting an unexpected visit from former President Truman.

Mr. Kennedy, at 43 the youngest man ever to be elected President, opened his era on Friday morning with a call to the Soviet Union to join in a fresh effort of making a "world of law" (inaugural address reported on Page 2).

After swearing his allegiance to the Constitution, he delivered a 10-minute inaugural address, which was praised by many as "challenging" and "inspiring."

Then after a brief luncheon with Congressional leaders, the new President reviewed a four-hour parade of 32,000 marchers, tanks, aircraft, missile displays and college bands.

The parade lasted for more than an hour after dark, with Mr. Kennedy still sitting in the reviewing stand and giving a wave or a smile whenever a particular unit attracted his attention.

After the last marcher had passed, thousands of well-wishers streamed into the roadway. Standing before the presidential box, they warmly cheered the new President.

The heavy overnight snowfall, which had threatened to mar the inauguration proceedings cut down the number of spectators. But it did not diminish the enthusiasm in the city for the advent of the new administration.

Prior to the address, prayers were delivered by Richard Cardinal Cushing, Catholic Archbishop of Boston, Archbishop of New York, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Central Christian Church, Austin, Texas. After the address a prayer was recited.

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MOSCOW (AP). — Fresh on the heels of the inauguration of President Kennedy, Premier Khrushchev called in U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson for a two-hour talk on Saturday. An embassy spokesman said they discussed "Soviet-American problems."

No further details were given about the subjects of the talks. It was presumed that Mr. Khrushchev pressed for an early meeting with the new President in an effort to establish a warmer relationship such as he felt he had worked out with President Eisenhower at the time of the Camp David meeting.

Mr. Khrushchev had with him Vassili Kuznetsov, Deputy Foreign Minister, and A. S. Dobrynin, Chief of the American Section of the Foreign Ministry.

Each had interpreters, although much of the conversation was in Russian. Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Thompson, who speaks relatively good Russian, did not waste any time getting in touch with the new President. Mr. Khrushchev sent Mr. Kennedy a telegram on Friday expressing the hope that "we can remove existing suspicion and distrust and grow the seeds of friendship and business-like cooperation between our two peoples."

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BEN-ZVI MESSAGE

President Ben-Zvi sent the following cable of greetings to President Kennedy:

On the occasion of your inauguration in the high office of the Presidency of the United States of America, I desire to send you on behalf of the people of Israel the most profound wishes for your personal well-being and for full success in your endeavors to attain the lofty aims and ideals which you have set for your administration.

At this time the people of Israel in common with peoples in many lands look to the United States for strength, guidance and leadership in the struggle for the abolition of acts of warfare and the preservation of peace, for the advancement of liberty and democracy, for the material development of the world, and for the establishment of justice as the cornerstone of relations between nations. May it be given to you to secure the triumph of these causes, which are dear to all mankind.

Equally, we in Israel look forward to a further period of friendship, understanding and assistance which have characterized the traditional relationship between your great country and ours.

Levin Accredited As Ambassador to Cyprus

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Israel's first Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. Zeev Levin, on Friday presented his letters of credence to the President, Archbishop Makarios. Also present was Vice-President Fadil Kutchuk. Mr. Levin was formerly the Israel Consul-General.

The Ambassador said at the ceremony that he extends Israel's hand of friendship to the President and to the people of Cyprus. He expressed the hope for friendship and cooperation not only between the two countries but for all nations in the region.

In his reply, President Makarios pointed out that Israel and Cyprus were neighbors, and that Cypriot policy is to develop good relations with every state, especially with the neighboring ones. Establishment of diplomatic links between Israel and Cyprus will contribute to the development of our mutual interests, he added.

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Camp David Spirit

The Camp David spirit exploded with the bringing down of the U-2 reconnaissance plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers in May last year. The long-projected Paris summit conference did before it began in mid-May, when Mr. Khrushchev walked out, refusing to meet Mr. Eisenhower unless he apologized and made amends of a nature Mr. Eisenhower would not accept.

Since then Mr. Khrushchev has repeated that he would not meet Mr. Eisenhower again, but would be glad to have talks with the next President.

The Soviet press has been full of expressions of hope that the better political and commercial relations could be worked out between the two countries, although editorial declarations on party policies never missed words that Russia hopes to see the capitalist

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Danny Kaye arrived last night by B.E.A. together with his wife, concertist and singer Sylvia Fine, for a private visit.

Djilas: Have Not Changed Ideas

BELGRADE (AP). — Milovan Djilas, freshly released from jail, declared on Saturday that he had not changed his ideas but confirmed that he had promised to be a law-abiding citizen in order to obtain freedom.



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